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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 March 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
(resumed first part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Programme planning (A/54/16 and A/C.5/54/12))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Definition of exigency needs (A/54/650*) and Outsourcing practices at the United Nations (A/51/804, A/52/338 and Add.1, A/53/818 and A/53/942))

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 23 March 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FIFTH COMMITTEE
(resumed first part)

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 March 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

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FIFTH COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Programme planning [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/12).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Canada, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Wednesday, 22 March, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Definition of exigency needs

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/650*).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cameroon, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Wednesday, 22 March, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Integrated Management Information System

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.4).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/474).

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), the United States, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, the Republic of Korea and Italy.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Piotr Jaremczuk (Poland), Rapporteur of the Committee, would be announced at a later date.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the reports of the Unit (A/53/787 and A/54/288).

The Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs introduced the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery (A/54/288) in document A/54/288/Add.1.

The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva (A/53/787), which was contained in document A/54/635.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cuba, the United States and Australia.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these reports.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these reports would begin on the same day, 21 March, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Piotr Jaremczuk (Poland), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Other matters

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic at the 51st meeting, held on 13 March 2000.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and also by the Chairman.

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